Work Session City Hall Fayette, Alabama September 8, 2023

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 12:00 o'clock, p.m. on September 8, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Virettia L. Whiteside, Eddy Campbell, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rod Northam.

Mayor Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

## **REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET**

Mayor Northam updated the Council on the Budget Committee's work in preparing the proposed 2024 Budget.

Mr. Rick McCabe reported the budget reflects sales tax revenue of \$250,000.00 per month. He said the City is currently averaging \$315,000.00 per month. He said the budget contains \$5,063,000.00 in capital outlays for 2024. The biggest capital outlay is in the Waste Water Department in the amount of \$3,712,000.00.

Mayor Northam said the Budget Committee recommended a \$1.00 per hour raise for hourly employees and a 5% raise for salaried employees. Councilmember Nichols recommended a \$2.00 hour raise for hourly employees and a 10% raise for salaried employees. The Council discussed the amount of the raise for hourly employees and salaried employees. The Council also discussed increasing the annual one-time longevity pay for the employees.

The Council discussed the proposed increase in hanger rent at the airport from \$125.00 to \$200.00. The Council also discussed the proposed increase in the fees charged by Park & Recreation Department for participating in their sports programs. The Council also discussed an increase of the garbage fees.

Mayor Northam said the Budget Committee would review the suggestions that the council members recommended. The final budget will be presented at the Council's September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe and seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

| Attest: |            | Mayor |
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|         | City Clerk |       |